AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions using a computer system, the method comprising:

receiving business data about a business transaction;

producing at least one input data record from the business data, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of the business transaction;

transforming the at least one input data record into an output data record, further comprising: ~~wherein the output data record includes~~

formatting a first data area of the output data record, ~~formatted for compatibility~~ such that the first data area is compatible with a first business application, and

formatting a second data area of the output data record ~~formatted for compatibility~~ such that the second data area is compatible with a second business application; and

storing the output data record with an identification code such that the output data record is available to the first and second business applications by referring to the identification code.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the producing step is performed using a first program module, the transforming step is performed using a second program module, and the input data record having the structure is transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein each business application is stored in the form of a third program module.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the second program module is in a form such that the transforming step can be set via an interface using the third program module.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the second program module is in a form such that it can read data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the third program module and can transfer the data to the third program module via an interface for further processing or display.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program module.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional basis.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data record includes, for a plurality of business applications, a database structure having one or more tables.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data record includes, for different journals in accounting, different data areas.

10.   (Previously Presented) A computer system for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions using a computer system, the computer system comprising:

> a first program module that stores at least one input data record from business data relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of the business transaction;

> a second program module that transforms the at least one input data record into an output data record, wherein the output data record includes a first data area formatted for compatibility with a first business application, and a second data area formatted for compatibility with a second business application; and

> a storage module that stores the output data record with an identification code, wherein the different data areas in the output data record can be read by the at least two business applications depending on the data requirements of the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.

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16. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the input data record having the structure is transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

17. Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein each business application is stored in a third program module.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 17, wherein the second program module transforms the at least one input data record into the output data record via an interface that uses the third program module.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 17, wherein the second program module reads data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the third program module and can transfer the data to the third program module via an interface for further processing or display.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program module.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional basis.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record includes for a plurality of business applications, a database structure having one or more tables.

23.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record includes for different journals in accounting, different data areas.

24.   (Currently Amended) A computer program stored in a ~~computer-readable~~ computer-readable medium, <u>which, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to perform</u> ~~the computer program executing instructions according to~~ a method, the method comprising:

   receiving business data about a business transaction;

   producing at least one input data record from the business data, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of the business transaction;

   transforming the at least one input data record into an output data record, <u>further comprising:</u> ~~wherein the output data record includes~~

         formatting a first data area <u>of the output data record,</u> ~~formatted for compatibility~~ <u>such that the first data area is compatible</u> with a first business application, and

         formatting a second data area <u>of the output data record,</u> ~~formatted for compatibility~~ <u>such that the second data area is compatible</u> with a second business application; and

   storing the output data record with an identification code such that the output data record is available to the first and second business applications by referring to the identification code.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transforming further comprises adding data related to the business transaction from a database application to <u>a header of</u> the output data record.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 10, further comprising a database application [[for]] adding data related to the business transaction to <u>a header of</u> the output data record.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer program of claim 24, wherein the transforming further comprises adding data related to the business transaction from a database application to <u>a header of</u> the output data record.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first and second business applications each assess the business transaction using different business management methods.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the first and second business applications each assess the business transaction using different business management methods.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 24, wherein the first and second business applications each assess the business transaction using different business management methods.

31. (Previously Presented) A method for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions using a computer system, the method comprising:

receiving business data about a business transaction of a class;

producing at least one input data record from the business data, the input data record having a structure specific to the class;

transforming the at least one input data record into an output data record by adding data from a database to the output data record, <u>further comprising:</u> ~~wherein the output data record includes~~

<u>formatting</u> a first data area <u>of the output data record,</u> ~~formatted for compatibility~~ <u>such that the first data area is compatible</u> with a first business application, and

<u>formatting</u> a second data area <u>of the output data record,</u> ~~formatted for compatibility~~ <u>such that the second data area is compatible</u> with a second business application; and

storing the output data record with an identification code such that the output data record is available to the first and second business applications by referring to the identification code.